



Ninety – Sixth Legislature – First Session – 1999  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 474**

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**Chairperson: Senator Merton L. Dierks**

**Committee: Agriculture**

**Date of Hearing: January 26, 1999**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 474 cleans up the Nebraska Pure Food Act. In 1997, the Nebraska Pure Food Act was updated by adopting provisions from the Food and Drug Administration's 1995 Food Code. Some of the provisions from that FDA Food Code, as well as other new provisions in the 1997 Revision, proved to be unworkable and are amended by this bill.

The bill seeks to ensure that the citizens of Nebraska will have safe food without overly burdening the food industry in the state. This bill was drafted with input from the food industry. The bill is necessary to keep the state food sanitation laws and the current inspection program workable. Such a program is needed to keep the food supply for consumers safe in Nebraska.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Merton L. Dierks**